

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

REGULAR EVENTS:

***Newspaper &
Coffee @ 9:30
Mon – Fri &
Sat @ 10:00**

***Exercise every
Tuesday and
Thursday
@ 10:30**

***Gospel Sing
Along every
Tuesday @ 1:30**

***Pastor Keith
visits every
Tuesday @ 2:00**

***BINGO is every
Wednesday
@ 1:30**

***Java Memory
Care
Wednesdays
@ 3:00**

***Popcorn and a
Movie every
Thursday @ 5:30**

***Ice Cream
Social every
Friday
@ 1:30**

***Every Sunday
@ 2:00 local
Church Service
on the 3rd floor**

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KETCHIKAN PIONEER HOME

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I know I say this every year but once again, the KPH was *especially* festive during the holiday season. The staff and volunteers worked extra hard to decorate the home and we received so many compliments from guests. As always, the train set in the Quiet Room was a wonderful attraction. We also enjoyed visits and special gifts from so many friends and community organizations. These memories along with our visits from Santa & Mrs. Claus, carolers, musicians, and school children created some very

precious moments. One special and noteworthy moment was when a very BIG check was delivered by the members of Rotary Interact to the resident council for more than \$2,700



from the November pie auction which the students along with their adult Rotarian counterparts and parents sponsored and hosted all on their own.

The residents were overwhelmed at times by the generosity of the entire community as each day brought so many visits, treats, cards, and gifts.

We ended the festivities with a great New Years Eve countdown along with live music from Diane Fast during the afternoon of Dec. 29th. Thank you very much to everyone who helped make our holidays and Home so special for the holidays.

Julie Sande, Administrator

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ANGELS AMONG US

We are often complimented on the work that we do at the KPH but we always try to explain that so much of what we do is because there are so many volunteer angels working beside us through each season and they make what would otherwise be impossible, POSSIBLE. Thank you National Honor Society for your enthusiastic help decorating the whole house for the holidays. Special thanks to our stand out volunteers, Chris Aubertine, Janice Gichard, Lu Wong, Caroline Seabright, Perry Reeve, Ann Thompson, and Ron Wyman. If you see any of these folks please take a minute to thank them for their kindness to the elders in our community. We feel blessed to witness the work of these angels in our midst. Thank You!

JANUARY FAMILY DINNER CANCELLED

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our December Family Dinner with Prime Rib and special guests Mr. and Mrs. Claus all the way from the North Pole. The house was packed and we received so many compliments on all of the food made from scratch. Once again our faithful friends from Holy Name Boy Scout Troop #4 were wonderful servers and the help of so many dedicated volunteers has been a huge help as we have been short staffed in the Activity Department this month. Please help us spread the word that we have cancelled the January Family & Friends Dinner due to staffing shortages but hope to back to regular programming in February. Stay tuned!



Resident Judy Hanson and her father Ernie Deboer share their Christmas wish list with Santa.



Thank you to our loyal boy scout helpers.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WITH KIDDOS

Special thanks to all of our Fawn Mountain friends and their helpers for our fun wreath activity. The residents and children enjoyed the construction of our festive wreaths which some of us may have felt also doubled as cheerful hats.

We also spent time crafting, baking, decorating and singing with our preschool students, Holy Name preschool students, and Houghtaling kiddos this month in addition to so many more. We love our KGB School District and all of their kind students.



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Our Christmas Village and train-set in the Quiet Room get better and better each year. Last year we added the backdrop which the ever talented Evon Zerbetz and Felix Wong helped us paint and this year we added more houses and planes thanks to Taquan Air and the Eichner

Family. We also have some pretty magnificent and faithful volunteers who help us with construction. It really is becoming one of the highlights for community members young and old. Just wait until you hear what we plan for next year.



DECEMBER CHEER

Once again our Holiday season was a whirlwind of wonderful activity. We are grateful for all of the donations, gifts, and visitors which made our holiday season so much more special for the residents. The KPH halls smelled of fresh baked treats and were filled with sounds from carolers, bell ringers, and musical

groups. We loved the boys and girls and men and women in uniform who came to brighten our days. We snacked, visited, and sang our way through the holiday season.

The holidays can be hard for many people as we miss those who can no longer be with us but we have found so much comfort in being together.

Thank you Ketchikan for all of the ways you help bring our residents comfort and cheer.



KPH FOUNDATION

One very special tradition that has carried on through the years is one started by past KPH Foundation member and resident Bessie Comiskey. Bessie loved the preschool students and would work all year long

to knit the students hats and mittens just in time for the cold weather recesses. Though Bessie is gone, our kiddos still stay nice and toasty through the efforts of Bessie's daughter, Pat Mitchell, who sends us a box of hand made treasures each year.



Bessie and students wearing her hand made treasures.

Bob Sivertsen
Alaire Stanton
Nerissa Buendia
Bill Moran
Ed Zastrow
Ann Thompson
Terry Wanzer
Mona O'Dell
Fred Monrean
Sherrie Slick
Ray Hendricks



Special thanks to all of our KPH staff for helping to make December so memorable and a very special congratulations to Helen Kintana for 25 years of service to the State of Alaska and the residents of the KPH. You are a star!



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Alaska Pioneer Home Mission Statement:
Providing Elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

1/01 Happy New Year!

1/08 Resident Council @ 1:30 Great Room

1/10 Library Time with Preschool @ 10:45

1/11 Ukulele Practice @ 12:30

1/11 Hula Hands @ 1:30 Great Room

1/11 Holy Name Youth Group Game Night @ 5:30

1/15 Martin Luther King Day Holiday

1/17 Library Time with Preschool @ 10:45

1/17 Monthly Birthday Party with Pioneers of Alaska

1/31 Lady Bug Preschool visits

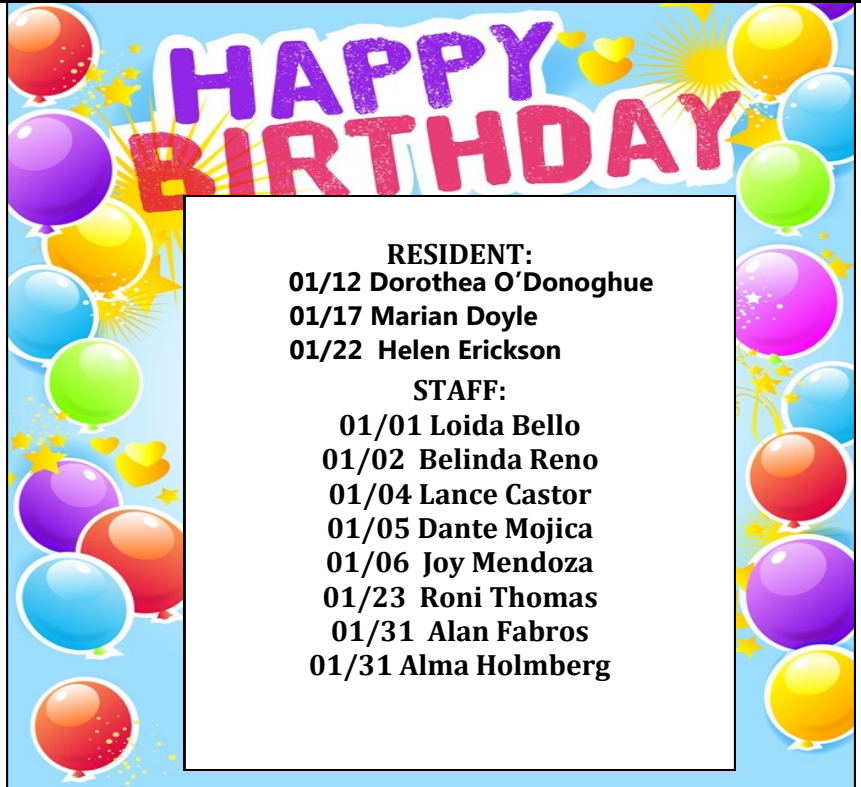


WELCOME

A very special welcome to Thomas Williamson and Laverne Mears to the KPH Family. Both new residents moved into the KPH in the midst of the busy holidays. Please take a minute this month to introduce yourself to them and their family members. We look forward to spending time and getting to know each of you and sharing our days and our stories. Welcome to the KPH!

SPECIAL PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND ALERT!!!!

PLEASE BE SURE YOU FILE THE PFD ON BEHALF OF YOURSELF OR YOUR LOVED ONE BEFORE THE MARCH DEADLINE. **KPH staff do not file on behalf of the residents but please let Rachel know if you need assistance.**



RESIDENT:
01/12 Dorothea O'Donoghue
01/17 Marian Doyle
01/22 Helen Erickson

STAFF:
01/01 Loida Bello
01/02 Belinda Reno
01/04 Lance Castor
01/05 Dante Mojica
01/06 Joy Mendoza
01/23 Roni Thomas
01/31 Alan Fabros
01/31 Alma Holmberg

DECEMBER MEMORIES

